

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed May 7, 2008, in which claims 1-9 and 11-16 were reviewed, the following issues were raised:

1. Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,978,841 to Berger;
2. Claims 9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Berger in view of the knowledge of one skilled in the art; and
3. Claims 11-15 were allowed.

In the interest of moving the present application toward allowance, Applicant cancelled claims 1-9 and 16 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file such claims in a continuation application. Claims 11-15 remain active in the application.

In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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